Ad hoc Committees depend too much upon personal factors and in a crisis the responsibility devolves upon the magistracy and the police. A statutory Committee is, therefore, being set up.

N. V. GADGIL.

NEW DELHI;

The 26th March, 1951.

BILL * No. 39 OF 1951.

A Bill further to amend the Indian Tariff Act, 1934.

BE it enacted by Parliament as follows :—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Indian Tariff (Second Amendment) Act, 1951.

2. *Amendment of section 4-A in Act XXXII of* 1934.—In sub-section (2) of section 4A of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words "in session", wherever they occur, the word "sitting" shall be substituted.

3. *Amendment of the First Schedule, Act XXXII of* 1934.—In the First Schedule to the principal Act,—

(i) for Item No. 8(3), the following Item shall be substituted, namely :—

"8 (3)	Fruits, candied and crystallised	Protective ...	40 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952";

(ii) for Item No. 20(1), the following Item shall be substituted, namely :—

"20 (1)	Fruit Juices, Squashes, Cordials and Syrups not otherwise specified—	.....	.....	...	...	...
	(*a*) manufactured in a British Colony.	Revenue ...	26 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	...
	(*b*) not manufactured in a British Colony.	Revenue ...	36 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	... ";

(iii) for Items Nos. 20(3), 20(4) and 20(5), the following Items shall be substituted, namely :—

"20 (3)	Fruits, canned, bottled or otherwise packed, not otherwise specified—	...	...	...	...	...
	(*a*) manufactured in a British Colony.	Protective ...	26 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(*b*) not manufactured in a British Colony.	Protective ...	36 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.

*The President has, in pursuance of clause (1) of article 117 of Constitution of India, recommended to Parliament the introduction of the Bill.

20 (4)	Jams, Jellies and Marmalades, canned, bottled or otherwise packed.	Protective ...	40 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
20 (5)	Juices either individually or in mixture, of the following fruits, namely: Apricots, Berries, Grapes, Pineapple, Plums and Prunes—					
	(a) manufactured in a British Colony.	Revenue ...	30 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	...
	(b) not manufactured in a British Colony.	Revenue ...	36 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	...

(iv) for Items Nos. 20(8) and 20(9), the following Items shall be substituted, namely:—

20 (8)	The following fruits, canned or otherwise packed, namely: Apricots, Berries, Grapes, Plums and Prunes, and fruit salads composed not less than 80 per cent. in quantity and in value of the above named fruits—					
	(a) manufactured in a British Colony.	Protective ...	30 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(b) not manufactured in a British Colony.	Protective ...	36 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
20 (9)	Pineapples, canned or otherwise packed—					
	(a) manufactured in a British Colony.	Protective ...	28 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(b) not manufactured in a British Colony.	Protective ...	36 per cent. ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.";

(v) for Item No. 48(1), the following Item shall be substituted, namely:—

48 (1)	Fabrics, not otherwise specific, containing more than 90 per cent of artificial silk—					
	(a) of British manufacture	Protective ...	30 per cent ad valorem or 2½ annas per square yard, whichever is higher.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(b) not of British manufacture.	Protective ...	50 per cent. ad valorem or four annas per square yard, whichever is higher.	...	...	December 31st, 1952";

(vi) for Item Nos. 48 (4) and 48 (5), the following Items shall be substituted namely :—

"48 (4)	Fabrics, not otherwise specified, containing more than 10 per cent and not more than 90 per cent silk—					
	(*a*) containing more than 50 per cent of silk or artificial silk or of both.	Protective ...	50 per cent. ad valorem plus Rs. 2 per lb.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(*b*) containing not more than 50 per cent of silk or artificial silk or of both—					
	(*i*) containing more than 10 per cent artificial silk.	Protective ...	50 per cent. ad valorem or Rs. 1-8-0 per lb., whichever is higher.	...	...	
	(*ii*) containing no artificial silk or not more than 10 per cent artificial silk.	Protective ...	50 per cent ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
48 (5)	Fabrics, not otherwise specified, containing no silk or containing not more than 10 per cent. silk but not more than 10 per cent. and not more than 90 per cent. artificial silk—					
	(*a*) containing 50 per cent. or more cotton—					
	(*i*) of British manufacture	Protective ...	30 per cent ad valorem or 2 annas per squre yard, whichever is higher .	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(*ii*) not of British manufacture.	Protective ...	50 per oent ad valorem or 3½ annas per square yard, whichever is higher.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(*b*) containing no cotton or containing less than 50 per cent cotton—					
	(*i*) of British manufacture	Protective ...	30 per cent ad valorem or 2½ annas pe square yard, whichever is higher.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(*ii*) not of British manufacture.	Protective ...	50 per cent ad valorem or 4 annas per square yard, whichever is higher.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.'';

(vii) in Item No. 48 (6), in the entry in the second column, after the word " specified ", the words " containing no silk or artificial silk or " shall be inserted ;

(viii) for Item No. 48 (7), the following Item shall be substituted, namely :—

"48 (7)	Fabrics, not otherwise specified, containing not more than 10 per cent Silk or 10 per cent. artificial silk or 10 per cent. wool, but containing more than 50 per cent cotton and not more than 90 per cent cotton—					
	(a) of British manufacture	Protective ...	25 per cent ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.
	(b) not of British manufacture.	Protective ...	50 per cent ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1952.";

(ix) for Item No. 72 (33), the following Item shall be substituted, namely :—

"72 (33)	Pickers used in textile industries.	Protective ...	10 per cent ad valorem.	...	...	December 31st, 1932."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of the present Bill is to amend the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (XXXII of 1934) in order to extend the period of protection to the following industries on the advice of the Tariff Board :—

(a) Preserved fruits.

(b) Artificial silk and cotton and artificial silk mixed fabrics, and

(c) Pickers used in textile industries.

2. As regards (a), there are seven Tariff Items relating to fruit products which are subject to protective duties. Protection will be continued in respect of five items but withdrawn in respect of two. The effect of the amendments on the rates of duty under these items is indicated below :—

(*i*) *Fruits in syrup. Items Nos.* 20 (3), 20 (8) *and* 20 (9).

The standard rate will be reduced from 60 per cent to 36 per cent *ad valorem* the preferential rates being suitably adjusted.

(*ii*) *Fruits, candied and crystallised and jams, jellies and marmalades. Items Nos.* 8 (3) *and* 20 (4).

The rate will be reduced from 80 per cent to 40 per cent *ad valorem.*

(*iii*) *Fruit juices, squashes, cordials and syrups. Items Nos.* 20 (1) *and* 20 (5).

Protection will be withdrawn and the Standard rate will be reduced from 40 per cent to 36 per cent *ad valorem* which was the rate of revenue duty before protection was given, the preferential rates being suitably adjusted.

3. With regard to (b) and (c), no change has been made in the existing rates of duty.

4. Opportunity has also been taken to carry out certain minor amendments of a formal character.

D. P. KARMARKAR.

NEW DELHI ;
The 12th April, 1951.